

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A positioning type steering column device, comprising:
 - a vehicle body mounting bracket comprising a pair of vertical plate portions;
 - a cylindrical steering column comprising a bulge portion gripped by the pair of vertical plate portions of the bracket;
 - a rotatable steering shaft ~~rotatably provided~~ inside the steering column;
 - a shaft rod member ~~provided~~ passing through the bulge portion of the steering column and the pair of vertical plate portions of the bracket; and
 - a fastening mechanism, ~~which is provided~~ on the shaft rod member and which secures the steering column by adjusting a distance between the opposing pair of vertical plate portions;
- wherein the bulge portion comprises a pair of flat surface portions formed in opposition to the pair of vertical plate portions of the bracket, projection portions ~~formed~~ protruding from the pair of flat surface portions toward the opposing vertical plate portions, and through holes perforated into the projection portions.

2. (Currently Amended) The positioning type steering column device according to claim 1, wherein the projection portions protrude ~~in outward direction~~outwardly from the flat surface portions by a specified value.

3. (Currently Amended) The positioning type steering column device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein a span of the flat surface portions of the bulge portion is equal to or larger than an outer diameter of the steering column.

4. (Currently Amended) The positioning type steering column device according to any one of claims 1 to ~~claim 3~~or 6, wherein the through holes formed in the bulge portion are round holes.

5. (Currently Amended) The positioning type steering column device according to any one of claims 1 to ~~claim 3~~or 6, wherein the through holes formed in the bulge portion are long holes.

6. (New) The positioning type steering column device according to claim 2, wherein a span of the flat surface portions of the bulge portion is equal to or larger than an outer diameter of the steering column.